[*Translation*]

Fake Gas Regulator Manufacturing Gang in Delhi

4722. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fake gas regulator manufacturing gang has been unearthed in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of fake gas regulators seized from their possession;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action against them so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (d). No such instance has come to the notice recently.

[*English*]

Allotment of Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets and LPG Agencies in Villages

4723. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bifurcate or trifurcate the existing pump and gas agencies and instal more in the semi-urban and urban places in the villages to provide employment/jobs to more number of youths particularly unemployed graduates and also to provide LPG gas connections to the people living in villages and hill areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHANKUMAR): (a) to (b). There is no proposal to bifurcate or trifurcate retail outlets and agencies. New retail outlets/LPG agencies are opened in different places as per the Marketing Plans, product availability, etc. Efforts are constantly made to provide as many LPG connections as early as possible. There is no separate reservation for educated unemployed youths.

Supply of Coal for domestic use to Andhra Pradesh

4724. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Singareni Collieries Company in Andhra Pradesh has stopped the supply of coal for domestic use;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government propose to allot certain portion of coal for domestic use at subsidised rates under Public Distribution System in Andhra Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). According to information furnished by Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. they manufacture a domestic smokeless fuel known as SICCO COKE, which they supply to the consumers through distributors in all districts of Andhra Pradesh, and in some aeas of Karnataka and Maharasntra. There is no proposal to stop this supply.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of Ministry of Coal for allotting coal at subsidised rates to domestic consumers

Under public distribution system in Andhra Pradesh.

Water Balance Study In Kuttanad, Kerala

4725. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to undertake water balance study in Kuttanad, Kerala with the assistance of Dutch Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the assistance proposed to be given by Dutch Government; and

(d) the time by which this project is proposed to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d). The water balance study in Kuttanad, Kerala with the assistance of Dutch Government was launched in January, 1987 and completed in December, 1989. The details of study covered include-

(i) Long term impact on water quality, hydrology and lake characteristics with particular reference to operation of Thanneermukkom regulator,

(ii) prediction of future trends of water quality and possible environmental impacts and

(iii) planning of corrective measures that need to be taken to preserve the quality of water. Financial support of about Dfl 5.97 million (equivalent to Rs. 23 million) was provided from Dutch Government in this regard.

Attack on Indian Shopkeepers In U.K.

4726. SHRI R. DHANUSHODI ATHITHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of recent reports that Indian shopkeepers were attacked and their shops looted in some cities of the U.K.;

(b) if so, the details of loss of lives and the damage caused to property; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). The Government is aware that some shops belonging to British nationals of Indian origin were looted in Handsworth in Birmingham on 2nd September'91. There was no loss of loves. The damages and liss were estimated to be over half a million pounds. Some other Asian and British shopkeepers had also suffered damages in the attacks by holligans.

(c) The Indian High Commission in UK has conveyed to the British authoiries at appropriate levels our concern at such attacks and the need for prompt police action.

Fire in second mine of NLC

4727. DR. R.K.G. RAJULU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any incident of fire occured in the second mine of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and actual loss due to this fire;

(c) whether any inquiry had been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the findings thereof;